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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.